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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

CALIFORNIA.

Secretary of State Board of Health and Assistant Secretary—Salaries and Duties. (Act May 19, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Section 2982 of the Political Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2982. The secretary of the State board of health shall receive an annual salary of \$4,500 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. He shall enforce all orders and regulations of the State board of health, and shall vigilantly observe sanitary conditions throughout the State, and take all necessary precautions to protect it in its sanitary relations with other States and countries. He shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the State board of health and of his own acts, and shall file a written report of the same at each regular meeting of the board. There shall be an assistant to the secretary of the State board of health, who shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of and perform such duties as shall be prescribed by said board. The assistant to the secretary of the State board of health shall receive an annual salary of \$2,400. The salaries of the secretary and assistant to the secretary shall be paid out of the general fund at the times and in the manner in which State officers are paid.

Communicable Diseases—Appropriation for Prevention, Suppression, and Investigation. (Act May 18, 1915.)

SECTION 1. The sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the State board of health, under the direction of the governor, for the prevention of the introduction of Asiatic cholera, bubonic plague, smallpox, or other contagious or infectious disease into this State, and for their investigation and suppression in case of their origin or introduction. The claims for such expenditures must be audited by the board of control, except that when, in the opinion of the governor, an emergency arises which demands or necessitates the immediate use of money for the purposes herein provided, the controller must draw his warrant in the name of the governor without such audit, on account of the sum hereby appropriated, upon the order of the governor, in such sums from time to time, not exceeding \$1,000 at any one time, as he may direct. In cases where sums are so drawn upon the order of the governor, without audit by the board of control, vouchers must be thereafter filed with the controller, showing the manner and the purposes for which such sums have been expended. Such portion of the sum provided by this section as may be deemed advisable by the State board of health and approved by the governor, may be used in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 2 of "An act to prevent the introduction, and provide for the inves-

tigation and suppression of contagious or infectious diseases, and appropriating money to be used for such purpose," approved June 7, 1913: *Provided*, That all expenditures connected therewith shall be audited by the board of control and paid in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. This act, inasmuch as it provides for an appropriation for the usual current expenses of the State, shall, under the provisions of section 1 of Article IV of the constitution of the State of California, take effect July 1, 1915.

Sanitary Districts—Validation of Organization and Changes of Boundaries. (Act May 27, 1915.)

SECTION 1. All sanitary districts formed under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the formation, government, operation, and dissolution of sanitary districts in any part of the State for the constructing of sewers and other sanitary purposes, the acquisition of property thereby, the calling and conducting of elections in such districts, the assessment, levying, collection, custody, and disbursement of taxes therein; the issuance and disposal of the bonds thereof, and the determination of their validity, and making provision for the payment of such bonds and the disposal of their proceeds," approved March 31, 1891, and the acts amendatory and supplementary thereto, and which sanitary districts have acted in the form and manner of sanitary districts under the provisions of said act, are hereby declared to be and have been sanitary districts from the date of the entry in the minutes of the board of supervisors of an order that the sanitary district has been duly established and all proceedings of the sanitary districts, whereby the boundaries thereof have been altered and outlying contiguous territory in the same county as such sanitary district, annexed thereto, and all other acts of said sanitary districts heretofore performed according to the act aforesaid, are hereby validated and declared to be legal.

Mosquitoes, Flies, and Other Insects—Abatement Districts Authorized. (Act May 29, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Mosquito-abatement districts may be organized and incorporated and managed as herein expressly provided, and may exercise the powers herein expressly granted or necessarily implied.

SEC. 2. Any county, or city and county, or portion of a county, or city and county, whether such portion includes incorporated territory or not, in the State of California, having a population of not less than 100 inhabitants, may be created a mosquito-abatement district under the provisions of this act by proceeding as herein provided.

SEC. 3. A petition, which may consist of any number of separate instruments, shall be presented at a regular meeting of the board of supervisors of the county in which the proposed mosquito-abatement district is located, signed by the registered voters within the boundaries of the proposed district, equal in number to at least 10 per cent of the number of votes cast in said proposed district for the office of governor of this State at the last general election prior to the presenting of the petition: *Provided*, That where one or more municipal corporations or part thereof is included in such proposed mosquito-abatement district, such petition must be signed by at least 10 per cent of the qualified electors of such municipal corporations or part thereof and of the unincorporated territory included in such proposed district, and in addition thereto the common council, board of trustees, or other governing body of each such municipality shall by resolution, duly authenticated, request the inclusion of such incorporated territory in such district.

Such petition shall set forth and describe the proposed boundaries of such district, and shall pray that the same be created under the provisions of this act, and the text of such petition shall be published for at least two weeks before the time at which the